

We can't understand why the republicans are so much interested about the revenue offices. If they told the truth during the campaign the entire revenue law is to be repealed, then why spend time working for an office which they are going to destroy, better spend their time preparing to teach school, for when they pass the Blair bill and add \$33,000 to the school fund of Watauga teaching will pay.

#### Our Public Schools.

We will have something to say from time to time during the winter on the needs of our public school system, and as a sort of introduction we give below a few questions:

1. Is there not too much machinery connected with our public school system for the amount of money?
2. Is our public school system a benefit or an injury to the cause of education?
3. How is it that Tennessee and Virginia have money to run from 4 to 6 month school a year, paying from \$25 to \$50 a month to the teacher while we can only have from 2 to 4 months paying the teacher from \$15 to \$22.50 a month.
4. Has the board of education a right to regulate the salary of teachers?
5. What benefit do the schools derive from the visits of the County Superintendent?
6. Should not the Normal Schools be moved every year?
7. Have not the Normal Schools outlived their usefulness?
8. Should not teachers Institutes take the place of the Normal schools?
9. Should we not have a compulsory school law?
10. Shall we accept the Blair Educational fund which the Republicans are going to tender us in a few weeks, or months at most?
11. When the Republican repeal the Internal Revenue system, which is to be done by the next Congress, will it not be well for the State to impose a tax on spirits and tobacco for the benefit of our Public Schools?

We will be glad to publish your opinion on any or all of the above questions.

#### A CARD OF THANKS.

[For the DEMOCRAT.]

The good people of Boone and vicinity will please accept the humble and most sincere thanks of myself and family for their recent tokens of kindness to us. These substantial expressions of your regard and friendship are profoundly appreciated by us. First, because so many friends who are not members of any denomination, freely participated.

Secondly, because, in the ministerial history of eighteen or twenty years, the people of Boone are the first to remember me with a donation party. It was not only unexpected, but a thing so new and strange that I knew not how to act under the circumstances. I feel totally unworthy of such token of regard and friendship. I have no means of ascertaining the value of the gifts, but it is considerable. The people of Boone with their spiritual and temporal interests have, for years, been near my heart, but more so

now than ever, and I shall ever, as heretofore, feel myself under the strongest obligations to be of whatever assistance to you I can.

Very Respt.  
I. W. Thomas.

#### commissioners Sale?

By virtue of a Decree of the Superior court of Watauga county in Special proceedings in the case of John F. Morphey Admr. of Silas Morphey Dec'd against G. W. Phillips and others. I will sell at the court House door in Boone to the highest bidder on the 1st Monday in February 1889 under said decree the following tracts or parcels of land lying in the county of Watauga. One tract known as the New House tract adjoining the lands of Jordan Greer and others containing 40 acres more or less. One tract known as the Bee Knob tract adjoining the lands of Levi Morphey and others granted to James Cooper number of acres not known. One tract of 25 acres conveyed from Leah Maxwell to Silas Morphey Dec'd and one other tract of 5 acres more or less on the waters of Gap creek. Terms:—Fifty dollars in cash, is required on day of sale and the balance on credit of 6 & twelve months.

J. F. Morphey com.  
By L. L. Greene Atty

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persons to each family, it is  
read by 4,250 of the best

This space belongs to Joe B. Clarke, who has no time for writing an advertisement, he only wishes to inform his customers that he has some goods still on hand, which he is selling very low for cash or good produce.

All persons indebted to him are respectfully asked to come forward at once and make settlement, as the old accounts must be settled before new ones are made. Thanking his friends for past patronage, I hope by fair dealing to merit a continuance of the trade I now enjoy. Wishing you all a happy new year, I am yours truly,

J. B. CLARKE.

Dr. W. A. WILLIAMS,  
of Mast, N. C. offers his professional services to the public in his own vicinity and surrounding country. Diseases of Females and Children a speciality. A prompt response given to all calls either day or night. Aug. 8th. tf.

### C. D. Taylor & Bro

We would respectfully invite the attention of the people of Valle Crucis and surrounding country to our large and varied assortment of general merchandise. We constantly keep on hand EVERY THING USUALLY FOUND IN A FIRST CLASS

### STORE

and sell either for cash or produce at prices which defy competition. We prefer selling a large amount of goods at a small profit rather than a small amount at a large profit believing that the increase in our sales will justify us in this our New Department.

Buying for cash we are enabled to obtain.

### "BED ROCK"

prices on our goods and content with small profits we give our customers the benefit of the reduction thus obtained.

### CALL AND SEE US.

No trouble to show goods and we will prove to your entire satisfaction that we mean just what we say.

We would particularly call your attention to our large and varied assortment of BOOTS and SHOES.

We make a specialty of the celebrated Asheville shoe which we sell at prices within the reach of all, these shoes are handsome and of the best material, every pair warranted to give satisfaction or money refunded.

In Ladies dress goods our stock is unrivalled.

Our Calicoes, Plaids, Worstedes, Brocades etc.

are of the latest styles and finest finish, also Hamburg Edging, Ribbons, Laces etc.

are very cheap. Our Millinery department is small but SELECT.

We constantly carry a fine line of Ready Made clothing of the latest styles. Also cloth suitable for making up. Our stock consists of every variety from the cheapest JEANS to the finest CASSIMERES and DOE SKIN.

We also carry a fine line of

### HARDWARE

and

### HARNESS.

Saddles, Bridles etc. very cheap. Our line of Groceries is complete. We pay the highest market prices for country produce.

### COME ONE COME ALL

And we will make your visit pleasant and profitable to you. A dollar saved is better than a dollar earned and you will positively save money by buying your fall and winter goods of us.

Our prices are lower than ever and we have ever kept the lead in reducing prices. No other store in the county does or can compete with us. Give us a call. Very respt.

C. D. TAYLOR & BRO.

Valle Crucis, N. C.

### W. B. COUNCILL, MD.

Boone, N. C.  
Resident Physician. Office on King Street north of Post Office.  
June 12 88. 1y.

### DR. L. C. REEVES.

PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON  
Office at Coffey's Hotel.  
Boone, N. C.  
June 6. 88.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
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### E. F. LOVILL.

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
Boone, N. C.

### H. K. BOYER.

ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
Sparta, N. C.  
June 6. 88. 1y.

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ATTORNEYS AT LAW,  
Lenoir, N. C.  
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### W. C. NEWLAND,

ATTORNEY AT LAW,  
Lenoir, N. C.  
June 27. 88 1y.

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ATTORNEY AT LAW.  
Boone, N. C.  
Special attention given to the collection of claims.  
June 6. 88. 1y.

### M. M. PARKS,

ATTORNEY AT LAW  
Jefferson, N. C.  
June 6. 88. 1y.

### BAIRD & DOWN ON LEATHER

300 lbs of Best sole Leather at 25c. a pound by the side did you ever hear of such a thing?

Sugar, Coffee and everything else to eat as low as you ever bought them.

Dress Goods, Shawls, and the best assortment of

Shoes

in the county.

LEATHER

BRANDY

for your mince-meat and Christmas egg-nog, all at

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### PLYMOUTH ROCK CHICKENS

Extra fine at 50 cents per pair. Those wishing a large breed of healthy chickens will find it to their interest to get a pair of W. H. Penley, St. Jude, Watauga Co.

### HARPER BERNHARDT, & CO.

LENOIR, N. C.  
The leading wholesale and retail Merchants in western N. C. have always a full and complete

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of goods suited to the wants of their TRADE.

we buy goods in LARGE quantities and always for CASH.

Just Received.

15 Car loads Salt.  
5 " " Lime.  
1 " " Kerosene Oil.  
20 boxes Tobacco.

10 " Putty.  
500 Kegs Nails.  
25 " Soda.  
25 Boxes Glass.

20 Bags Coffee.  
10 Bbls., Sugar.  
60 Reams Paper.  
72 Dozen Spellers.

2,000 lbs Sole Leather.  
500 " Upper Leather.  
10 Bales Sheetting.

5 " Plaids.  
5,000 Yards Prints.  
1,250 " Jeans.

2,500 Pairs Boots & Shoes.  
A full stock of Groceries, Notions and family goods.

We have a line of mens and women's clothes made especially for Watauga trade, we have these branded "Watauga Solid" and warrant every pair. Naming prices does put little good unless you can see the goods, we do not claim to sell goods at cost but do sell goods at a profit for less than some of our competitors who sell for cost.

As it is generally known, we are among the largest dealers in produce in the STATE we will only say that we are now doing a larger business than ever and are making this part of our business a constant study and are always prepared to buy any good marketable PRODUCE. Always come to see us.

Yours Truly  
HARPER, BARNHARDT & Co  
Sept. 27. 1888. 6mo.

### DR. SALMON'S

Hog Cholera Specific,  
Cattle Powder, Sheep Cure,  
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FOR SALE BY

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DRUGGISTS AND STATIONERS  
Elk Park, N. C.  
Dealers in Pure Drugs, Chemicals, Paints, Oils, Varnish and Toilet articles. Fine Stationery a specialty. We keep the latest Novels and Periodicals in Stock. GIVE US A CALL.

The following is the number of days the Board of Co. Commissioners of Watauga were in session during the last year ending Nov. 30 88 and the No. miles traveled and the amt. paid each.

J. E. Finley 25 days. 165m.  
\$58.75. H. H. Farthing 23 days, 364 miles \$71.75. G. H. Blair 23 days 84 miles \$50.95.

W. W. Presnell, Clk of Board  
Dec. 19. 1888. 4t.

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### Do You Use Hardware?

If so look at these prices and see when to Buy.

Standard Nails, \$2.50 per keg  
Bar Iron, 3c. per lb.  
Horse Shoes, 5c. " "  
Horse Shoe Nails 15c. " "

Splendid Axe, 75c.  
Ames Shovel, 85c.  
FULL STOCK OF

CARPENTERS AND BLACKSMITH

TOOLS

Locks, Hinges, Glass, Putty, Table and Pocket Cutlery

Guns, Pistols, Cartridges, Shot, Powder, Caps and a GREAT many other things in my line at equally low prices. Call and see me when in LENOIR.

Very Respt.

H. C. MARTIN.

RICHMOND & DANVILLE R. R. Co.  
Western N. C. Division.  
Asheville, N. C. June 27 '88

PASSENGER TRAIN SCHEDULE to take effect June 24, '88.

STATIONS. read west bound.

Salisbury Lv 12:45 " 11:25 " statesville Ar 1:51 am 12:12 noon

Newton " 2:53 " 12:55 pm Hickory " 3:20 " 1:14 pm

conley spring 3:43 " 1:29 pm Morganton Ar 4:12 " 2:10 pm

Marion " 5:07 " 2:49 pm Round knob " 6:05 " 3:27 pm

Black Mt. " 6:46 " 4:00 pm Asheville " 7:28 " 4:31 pm

Hot springs " 9:15 " 6:10 pm Morristown " 11:10 " 7:30 pm

Knoxville " 12:45 " 8:50 pm Louisville " " 7:55 am

Cincinnati " " 11:55 am Chicago " " 6:55 pm

St. Louis " " 8:00 pm Chattanooga " 5:20 pm

Nashville " 12:00 night Memphis " 6:10 am.

Asheville Lv 8:25 am Waynesville Ar 10:53 am

Charleston " 3:05 pm Jarrets " 5:4 " pm

read East bound

Boston Ar 3:00 pm New York " 6:00 am

Philadelphia " 8:00 am Baltimore " 9:20 pm

Washington " 7:30 pm Lynchburg " 12:40 noon

Danville " 9:47 am Richmond " 3:30 pm

Reidsville " 9:02 am Wilmington " 7:40

Morehead " 1:00 pm Goldsboro " 4:10 pm

Raleigh " 1:55 pm Durham " 12:35 pm

Greensboro " 8:00 am Salisbury Lv 6:27 am

Salisbury Ar 4:37 am Statesville Lv 3:30 am

Newton " 2:20 am Hickory " 1:56 am

Connelly spring 1:30 am Morganton " 1:01 am

Marion " 12:01 night Round knob " 11:10 pm

Black Mt. " 10:34 pm Asheville " 9:55 pm

Hot springs " 8:50 pm Morristown " 4:30 pm

Knoxville " 3:05 pm Louisville " " 8:05 pm

Cincinnati " " 3:15 pm Chicago " " 8:15 am

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Daily except Sunday

Nos. 50 & 51 Pullman Sleepers between Raleigh and Morristown.

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Nos. 52 & 53 Pullman Parlor car between Salisbury and Knoxville.

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as J. L. Taylor W. A. Winburn J. P. A. R. D. P. A.